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Editor:

Now that Mr. Khrushchev has removed his missiles from Cuba and the prisoners from the Bay of Pigs fiasco have been released, our State Department and CIA will have another file in their "Unfinished Business" sections. These sections will soon be large enough to require another building for their personnel and records. To date we have Berlin, Formosa, Korea, Laos, Viet-Nam and Cuba.

The Berlin question might not have arisen had our Ninth Army not been stopped after the bridgehead across the Elbe river had been consolidated in April of 1945. Once the Ninth Army was firmly

settled in Berlin we could have negotiated from strength instead of from weakness. Now Berlin is militarily worthless to us. It is only a chip on our shoulder inviting atomic war. I suggest that it be given to somebody — preferably the United Nations.

Formosa is a nice place for Chiang Kai-shek to spend his declining years, but it costs several hundred million dollars a year to keep him there. Why not offer him a nice ranch house in Hollywood?

The South Koreans are all thieves. They even broke into box cars during the war and stole medical supplies, clothing, and Red Cross items destined for our soldiers at the front. If they are

allowed to go communistic they might threaten Japan. So what? Japan appears to be able to take care of itself.

Why we picked up that sack of dead cats, with their tragic opera princes, which the French dropped in Indo-China, only the State Department knows. What optimist thinks there is a better solution than to drop the sack where the French left it?

There have been two good times to settle the Cuban problem. One was when Castro started "liberating" United States property, and the other was when the Russians were caught aiming missiles at us. A couple of divisions of paratroopers would have settled it in the first instance, and a blockade by the Navy in the second.

The Bay of Pigs invasion was too inept to warrant serious consideration. Any military man who would recommend the landing on a hostile shore of a force slightly larger than a battalion, commanded by a civilian, with its members lacking canteens, reserve rations, and extra ammunition, should go back to the War College where they fight with pencils.

I am not sure whether our national policy decisions are made to support increases in the already inflated State Department and CIA, or whether they are made to give our news media something to write about. I do know, however, who is paying for all this foolishness, and so do you.

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